Important information

Bookings
Vacation Care bookings must be paid for prior to the commencement of Vacation Care. This is done via iPay. If the requested dates on the Vacation Care booking form (on Council’s website) are available, these will be the dates that families will be booked in and charged for.

Late pick up fee
The Vacation Care program finishes each day at 6pm. If a child is not picked up by this time a late fee will be charged, according to the following scale - $10 for every 10 minutes or part thereof per family.

Cancellations
No refunds or credits given for days that families have booked and no longer require. Payment is required for all booked days whether children attend the program or not.

Children’s belongings
Strictly no money or children’s toys (including iPods, phones, DS consoles, cameras) are to be brought to the program. Please clearly label all your child’s clothing and belongings.

Clothing
- Children must be dressed in clothing appropriate for the weather. In wetter months, please bring a waterproof coat, beanie, umbrella and gum boots. In warmer months, please dress children in ‘sun smart’ clothing, including covered shoulders.
- Please make sure your child wears appropriate shoes for playing. No thongs or flip-flops.
- Please label clothing and personal belongings with your child’s name so that it can be easily identified.

Food and drinks
- Parents are required to provide nutritious lunches and snacks, such as sandwiches, fruit, cheese sticks, and water. Please send plenty of food for your child to eat.
- Please send a refillable drink bottle with water every day.
- Please no cans/bottles of soft drink.
- Please note that we cannot heat or cook children’s snacks or lunches.
- Many excursions do not allow us to take wrappers, we strongly encourage families to re-think your child’s lunch box and send non-packaged food each day to the program.

Medication
- If a child is to receive medication during the day, parents must complete the Medication Instruction Sheet, and sign the medication in and out with an educator each day.
- Medication must be in the original containers with the original labels and the child’s name and specific dosage must be clearly visible on the containers. This also applies to any over the counter medication.

Additional needs children
All children are welcome to participate in our Vacation Care Program. If your child has any additional needs please contact Council’s Vacation Care Coordinator on 9294 5739 at least six weeks before the program is due to start to discuss the best ways to support your child.

Additional days of care
During the holidays you must contact Council’s Youth & Children’s Services team on 9294 5739 if you wish to book your child in for additional days of care.

Child Care Subsidy
Child Care Subsidy (CCS) is available to families who have linked their myGov account. Please note that every family will be required to confirm their enrolment on MyGov before each school holiday period. Absences may affect your CCS. For more information, please contact Centrelink on 13 61 50.

Vacation Care program
7 to 25 January 2019

A school holiday program for children in Prep to Grade 6

Centre-based care: $59.50 per day
Excursion days: $70.50 per day
Opening hours 8am to 6pm
Springfield Pavilion – Springfield Avenue, Croydon
Belmont Park – Olympus Drive, Croydon South

Enrolments
Enrolments for the Vacation Care program must be completed online at http://www.maroondah.vic.gov.au/Community-support-services/Children-and-families/School-holiday-programs-primary-school
For more information, please call Council’s Youth and Children’s Services team on 9294 5739.
Week 1

**Monday 7 January**

**IN-CURSION**

**Scentory Fun**

The team from Lots-a-scents will be visiting today to help us create our very own soy candles and soap! We will also have lots of fun making all sorts of great smelling things such as slime, bath bombs, playdough and more!

**Tuesday 8 January**

**EXCURSION** **Imax**

Departure time: 9.30am  
Return time: 5pm

Watch Ralph and Vanellope get into trouble on the IMAX big screen in Ralph Breaks the Internet. Afterwards, we will enjoy a picnic lunch in Carlton Gardens.

**Wednesday 9 January**

**EXCURSION** **Belmont Park Pancake Parlour**

Departure time: 9am  
Return time: 3:30pm

Play awesome arcade games and Laser Tag! Then it's lunch at The Pancake Parlour!

**Thursday 10 January**

**IN-CURSION** **Belmont Park Science Show**

Experience science like never before and participate in our hands-on science show!

**Friday 11 January**

**IN-HOUSE**

**Let's rock!**

Today, Vacation Care is going to ROCK! Rock on with us as we make our very own rock candy, design pet rocks, grow crystals, discover fossils... and don't forget to dress up as a rock star!

Week 2

**Monday 14 January**

**EXCURSION** **Disco**

Departure time: 10am  
Return time: 4pm

Put on your disco shoes and dance the day away at EV's. There will be party games, dancing, singing, airbrush tattoos, party food and lots more! Springfield will be walking to EV's today and Belmont Park will travel by bus.

**Tuesday 15 January**

**IN-CURSION**

**Mad Hatter Magic Show**

Today the Mad Hatter magic show will be visiting for an interactive, hilariously theatrical musical slice of Wonderland! Afterwards we will have fun face painting, play croquet, complete quizzes and have our very own Mad Hatter tea party!

**Wednesday 16 January**

**EXCURSION** **Ice Skating**

Departure time: 8.30am  
Return time: 4.30pm

Come and cool down with us today as we visit the Obrien Group Arena, Docklands where we will test our balance, grace and skill on the ice arena. Afterwards, we'll stop to explore Ron Barassi Snr Park.

**Thursday 17 January**

**IN-HOUSE**

**Let's get inventing**

We will be putting on our thinking hats and see what crazy inventions we can come up with!  
**Excursion:** See attached flyer for our Big Day Out excursion for 2018 Grade 5 and 6 children.

**Friday 18 January**

**EXCURSION** **Indoor Sports**

Departure time: 8.30am  
Return time: 4pm

We're going to Springvale Indoor Sports to bounce on inflatables, test our soccer skills, play dodgeball, zoom around in dodgem cars, and play Nerf laser!

Week 3

**Monday 21 January**

**EXCURSION** **Arts Centre**

Departure time: 8.30am  
Return time: 5pm

Have lots of fun participating in a hands-on music composition workshop where you will have the opportunity to explore technology and techniques used to create music. Afterwards, we will visit the Ian Potter Children's Garden.

**Tuesday 22 January**

**IN-HOUSE** **Belmont Park**

Chinese New Year

This year, Chinese New Year falls on Saturday 5 February. Join us as we discover the traditions and dishes that are part of China’s most important holiday.

**EXCURSION** **Springfield**

Rock Climbing

Departure time: 8.45am  
Return time: 2pm

We're at Hardrock in Nunawading for the ultimate rock climbing experience! Please wear loose comfortable clothing such as shorts/leggings, a t-shirt and socks and runners.

**Wednesday 23 January**

**EXCURSION** **Belmont Park Pancake Parlour**

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**Thursday 24 January**

**IN-CURSION** **Springfield Science Show**

Experience science like never before and participate in our hands-on science show!

**Friday 25 January**

**EXCURSION**

**Let's go to the movies!**

Departure time: 9am  
Return time: 5pm

Today we are off to see the latest kids movie at Village Cinemas Knot! Please note that the movie may be rated Pg. If the weather permits, we will also stop to explore Halliday Park.

**REMINDERS:**

- Please remember to bring your sunhat and a drink bottle every day.
- Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to the departure time for all excursions (buses will NOT wait for latecomers).
- NO NUT PRODUCTS - we have children in the program with anaphylaxis, so please refrain from bringing nut products (including peanut butter and Nutella) to the program.
- Please wear appropriate clothing such as shorts/runners.
- Ensure that all belongings are clearly named.
- Halliday Park — Summer Swimming Pool.
- Visit to Ian Potter Children’s Garden — Year 3/4 students will be required to wear gumboots whilst visiting the gardens as the ground can be muddy.